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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement
citing U.S. Patent No. 5,626,614 issued May 6, 1997 to Hart.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that no item of
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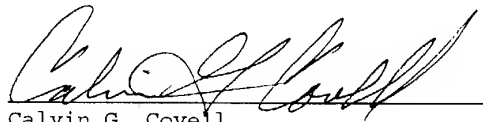
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Applicant's attorneys became aware of U.S. Patent No.
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